

S 4388

Mental Health Equity Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 30, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Aug 3, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Aug 3, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5469	Related bill	Sep 30, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 4543	Related bill	Sep 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jul 30, 2020)

Mental Health Equity Act of 2020

This bill establishes programs to address racial and ethnic mental health disparities.

Specifically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must award grants that address racial and ethnic health disparities by (1) providing integrated health care in areas with a high proportion of racial and ethnic minority groups, and (2) developing national programs for health professionals to reduce such disparities.

The bill also (1) reauthorizes the minority fellowship program to support the education of mental health professionals who provide services to racial and ethnic minorities, (2) requires a study on mental health disparities and a commission on the effects of social media use on adolescents, and (3) prohibits the use of federal funds for specified conversion therapy in the context of sexual orientation or sexual identity.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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